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KEY EVENTS NATIONALLY

ATM-RELATED HOMICIDES

- 1) Memphis Woman Slain At 9:45 P.M. Near ATM - About 9:45 p.m. Wednesday, January 26, Beverly Terrell, 44, was found dead near a Boatman's Bank ATM on Elvis Presley Boulevard in Memphis. Her body was found next to her car parked outside a walkup

ATM vestibule. Police officers found her eyeglasses and a key chain with a tube of teargas attached nearby. One witness said he saw a man running from the bank, "He was running, covering the side of his face. He was running very hard."

After reviewing ATM camera videotapes, police believe the man who killed Terrell robbed another customer at the same machine six days earlier. Police released a photo of the suspect from the January 20 attack. Well-aware that a camera inside the ATM is taking his picture, the man turns his face from the lens and covers his head with his sweatshirt's hood. Although his face is mostly hidden, his chin, mouth, mustache and nose are clearly visible. His profile and clothes match that of a suspect's picture taken on the night Terrell was killed.

In the January 20 robbery, two thugs pushed a woman with a baby while she was making her ATM transaction and demanded that she withdraw all the money from her account or they would blow the baby's head off. They took her money and then stole her car. The woman and her baby were not injured. Police described both suspects in the January 20 holdup as black men, about 22 years old, both are about 5'9" tall and 160 pounds. Within a week of the Terrell murder, Memphis CrimeStoppers offered a \$1000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the perpetrator. ([Memphis, Tennessee] *Commercial Appeal*, January 27, Toni Lepeska, reporter; January 28, Rob Johnson, reporter, front page story; January 31).

- 2) Four Atlanta Teens Arrested In Shooting Of One Man And Murder Of Another At ATM - At 12:38 a.m. Wednesday, January 26, Casey Sykes, 26, and Wallace Marks, 25, drove up to an ATM on Washington Road in Atlanta. Before the two men could make a transaction, they were confronted by a gunman who demanded their ATM deposit. They told the robber they were going to withdraw money, not deposit it, adding that they only had \$1 between them. The gunman then reached across Sykes, who was driving the Toyota pickup, and shot the passenger, Marks.

Mortally wounded, Marks got out of the truck and ran 200 feet before falling dead. The gunman, clad in a ski mask and hooded jacket, then fired shots at the driver, Sykes, hitting him in both wrists and the upper left arm. ATM camera video equipment was reportedly not working at the time of the shooting.

East Point police arrested four teenagers on Friday night and charged them with felony murder, aggravated battery and armed robbery. "We got a break (in the investigation) when we could have used one," said the East Point Police spokesperson.

Arrested were Lanealius Smith, 19, of Decatur; Anwar Buchan, 17, of East Point; Quinknoca Owens, 17, of East Point; and a 16-year-old juvenile. When police apprehended the suspects, they also recovered a MAC-11 automatic handgun. Police declined to identify the suspected triggerman in the murder. (*Atlanta [Georgia] Journal*, *Atlanta Constitution*, January 30, Bill Rankin, Reporter).

- 3) Two San Antonio Teens Arrested In ATM-Related Abduction, Robbery And Murder Of 38-Year-Old Man - After attending choir practice and a birthday party, Joe Ince Jr., 38, stopped by an ATM at Broadway National Bank in San Antonio, Texas about 10 p.m. on Wednesday, January 19. After Ince had made his \$600 deposit and left the ATM camera's view, he was abducted by two robbers, believed to be Oscar Ortiz, 17, and his 13-year-old girlfriend. Ince was robbed of his wallet and truck and was forced to tell his abductors his ATM card PIN number. The teenagers then began driving Ince around town, withdrawing money from his account from several other ATMs in the North and Northeast parts of San Antonio. Several hundred dollars was withdrawn within a matter of hours after Ince was abducted.

According to a statement made by the girl, Ortiz got irritated at the way in which she was holding the gun on Ince and grabbed it from her. A few minutes later Ortiz shot Ince once in the head - for no apparent reason. The pair then dumped Ince near a gas station, leaving him for dead. Ince died hours later of the single gunshot wound.

A security guard at the Ramada Hotel adjacent to the ATM reported seeing a man and a woman "acting suspiciously" near a pickup - which later was identified as the company truck that Ince had been driving. The security guard told police that another vehicle pulled into the hotel parking lot, picked up the pair and drove off. The guard was able to write down the license plate number of the second vehicle.

Ortiz is a repeat offender who had a juvenile warrant out for his arrest since December 1992 following a probation violation, although he has no previous history of violent acts. At the time of Ortiz' arrest, several ATM receipts with Ince's account number and Ince's wallet were found. Ortiz was held on a \$500,000 bond, and the girl is being held in juvenile custody. ([Universal City, Texas] *Herald*, January 26, Jamie Mitchem, reporter, front page story; and *Luling [Texas] Newsboy and Signal*, January 27, front page story).

- 4) **Biloxi Teen Pleads Guilty To July 1992 Murder Of Woman At ATM And Dodges Death Sentence** - On January 28, Christopher Bradley, 19, agreed to plead guilty to simple murder and armed robbery charges instead of being tried on the capital murder charge he was originally facing in connection with his July 5, 1992 murder of U. S. Air Force Staff Sergeant Janet McInturf about 9:30 p.m. at a Keesler Federal Credit Union ATM (see September 1992 *Newsletter*, Item #8; July/August 1992 *Newsletter*, Item #1 and June 1992 *Newsletter*, Item #4).

The prosecution in the case agreed to a guilty plea for a lesser charge to gain certainty in the outcome of the case, and because juries sometimes are reluctant to impose capital punishment on a defendant as young as Bradley. In addition, appeals courts are less likely to affirm a death penalty for a defendant who committed a capital crime when he was less than 18 years old. With a murder and armed robbery conviction, Bradley will serve a minimum of 20 years in prison.

Michael Francis, the accused accomplice in the case who waited in the getaway car, cooperated with the investigation and is expected to plead guilty to a capital murder charge. If Francis pleads guilty, the state will recommend he receive a life sentence, which will make him eligible for parole in ten years. The victim's husband, Gary McInturf, said Bradley "ought to be put to death and I ought to be the one to give the injection. And my kids' hands should be one top of mine when I do it". ([Biloxi, Mississippi] *Sun Herald*, January 29, Anita Lee, reporter, front page story).

ATM-RELATED FRAUD SCAMS

- 5) **California ARCO Gas Pump POS Terminals Used To Pirate PIN And Bank Account Numbers And To Make Fraudulent ATM Withdrawals** - In the first major publicized case of its type, ARCO AM/PM Mini Market POS terminals at gas pumps were used by thieves to obtain PIN numbers and account numbers to fabricate counterfeit cards and to withdraw cash from cardholders' accounts. During March and April, at least 20 Moreno Valley and Riverside residents lost hundreds of dollars each in the scam. All of the victims had bought gas from the ARCO AM/PM Mini Markets by using their ATM cards on the PayPoint machines at the pumps to pay for their purchase a few hours or days before the mysterious withdrawals began from their accounts. In all of the known cases,

the defrauded cardholders opted not to obtain receipts for their gasoline POS purchase. The fraudulent withdrawals appeared to have been made on "white plastic" counterfeit cards, on which the customer's account number and PIN number were coded. Tina and Richard Lozano of Moreno Valley said they lost \$1500 during a five day period in April. Anthony Garcia, also of Moreno Valley lost \$1200 March 26 to 29.

Investigators believe the fraudsters parked nearby and spied the gas pump POS PIN pad as customers entered their PIN code. To get the cardholder's account number, the thieves may have gone into the station after the cardholder drove away and requested a receipt, or they may have paid the cashier for the information, or they may have gone through the trash to locate the full account number. An ARCO spokeswoman said Reg. E requires a receipt be printed for a debit card transaction whether or not the customer requests it, so that information is available if the thief knows where to find it.

Investigators recommend people using POS terminals retrieve their transaction receipts, and shield the PIN pad when entering their PIN number. The Riverside County fraud victims said they either were given full refunds by their bank, or were waiting to hear back from their banks regarding reimbursement for their losses. ([Riverside, California] *Press-Enterprise*, April 23, Dave Downey, reporter; [Washington, D.C.] *EFT Report*, May 11, Claire Taylor, reporter).

- 6) Sacramento Police Arrest Three For Using Fake I.D. To Open Bank Accounts And Fraud Banks Of \$60,000 - On January 20, Sacramento police arrested three people suspected of participating in a fraud ring that used fake driver's licenses and I.D. cards to open bank accounts. The trio then made phony deposits in one another's accounts and withdrew cash from ATMs. Bank losses are expected to be around \$60,000; and newly-issued bank checks may have been used to trick local businesses out of as much as \$240,000. Arrested were Tammi Hobbs, 26; Robert Corum, 28; and April Hobbs, 20.

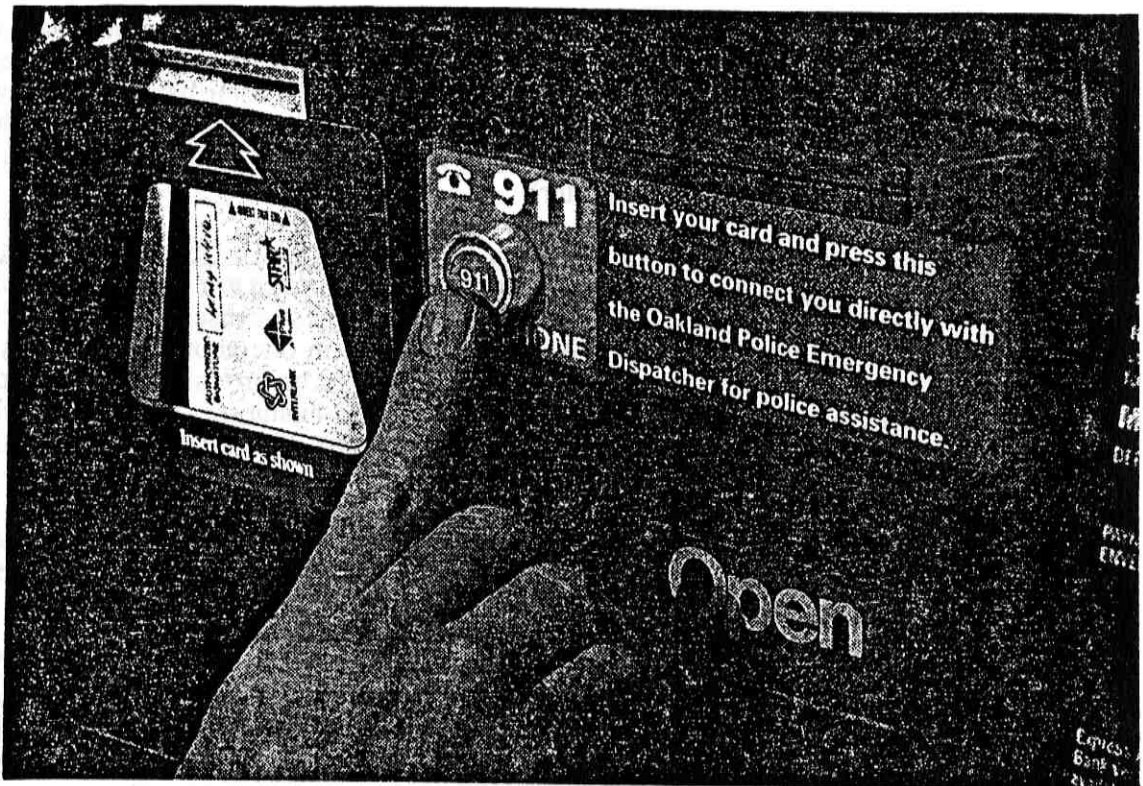
Department of Motor Vehicles Investigator Cheryl Smith said, "We saw them on video repeatedly deposit bad checks into each other's accounts. I would guess local merchants have been hard hit by the group . . . the amount stolen (from local businesses) could be four times what was stolen from the banks."

At the residence where the arrests were made, police found several ATM cards with various names on them, as well as a large amount of cash. A black BMW in the driveway had a license plate frame that said "EX-CROOK". Also found in the suspects' homes were a fake birth certificate, photographs of Corum and April Hobbs with large sums of money and at least ten sports jackets and newly purchased items with the tags still on them. (*Sacramento* [California] *Bee*, January 21, Maria Camposeco, reporter).

- 7) New Jersey Car Salespersons Use Credit Reports To Get Information, ATM Cards And \$500,000 From 80 Victims - In New Jersey, 15 salespeople at Autoland, a Union County car dealership, were charged with illegally using company computers to access the financial history of hundreds of people nationwide from credit-reporting agencies. The fraudsters then masqueraded as their victims, and notified credit card companies of a change in address, usually to a postal box. Then the fraudsters got cash advances, ATM cards and credit cards in the victims' names. Correspondence related to the fraudulent transactions was sent to the postal boxes and the victims had no idea there were problems with their bank accounts or credit histories until some of them tried to buy houses or cars and were denied financing because of their bad credit records. Other victims checked their credit histories and noticed that Autoland had obtained a copy of their credit report, when many of them had never set foot in the car dealership.

Autoland alerted the U. S. Secret Service and cooperated with authorities in a surveillance to identify which employees were using the dealership's computers and access codes to get credit reports without authorization. The ongoing probe has thus far confirmed some 80 victims and \$500,000 in fraudulent charges. ([Hackensack, New Jersey] *Record*, January 20).

UNDERSTANDING AND COMBATTING ATM CRIME



- 8) Wells Fargo Extends E911 Police Emergency Call Button Test In Oakland - On January 13, San Francisco-based Wells Fargo Bank began a pilot test of the SafeAlert Emergency 911 call button system at four Oakland, California branches it operates. A red button labeled "911 Telephone" has been installed on ATMs in the Wells Fargo test locations (see above). When an ATM card is inserted, the system may be activated. When the button is pushed, an autodialer at the ATM dials up the appropriate E911 dispatch center. Then the customer at the ATM and the dispatcher can talk to each other by way of a two-way speaker system which operates for three minutes after the button is pushed. What began as a 90-day test at selected on-premises Wells Fargo ATMs was extended in June to an ongoing evaluation of the system at 17 ATMs. In 1992, the California Bankers Association reported 499 ATM-related crimes out of 600 million transactions. In 1993, 73 ATM crimes were reported in Oakland, 54 of them armed robberies.

The Wells Fargo test was launched January 13 at an Oakland branch where a customer was murdered four years ago. Frank Walsh of SafeAlert said fewer than 1000 ATMs in 17 states are now equipped with the E911 device, which sells for \$1295.

Wells Fargo says that during the first test period there were scores of false calls, even though an ATM card had to be in the card reader for the E911 button to be activated. Part of the reason for extending the pilot test is to look at the reasons for these false alarms. Frank Walsh puts the rate of false calls in perspective by saying there has been only 1 per 2700 ATM transactions at the test ATMs. About 1/3 of the false alarms were accidental - where, for example a parent was holding a small child who pushed the red button. Other false alarms were attributed to confusion about the signage at the red button, which read "911 telephone", some people mistaking it for a customer service telephone.

Many observers in the industry are closely watching the experience of Wells Fargo, the first major bank to test the innovative security device. (*San Jose [California] Mercury News*, January 13, Barry Witt, reporter; *San Francisco Examiner*, January 14; [Hayward, California] *Daily Review*, January 25, editorial; and [Washington D.C.] *EFT Report*, July 6, Claire Taylor, reporter).

- 9) University Researchers Claim Discovery Of System Allowing Existing ATM Card Readers To Detect Counterfeit Magstripe Cards - Two Washington University (St. Louis) electrical engineers believe they have discovered a method for using existing ATM card readers to detect fraudulent copies of legitimate ATM cards. The two researchers, Ronald Indeck and Marcel Muller have discovered that the random arrangement of magnetic particles in the background of each magnetic stripe on each ATM card constitutes a distinct "signature" or "fingerprint" that makes each card unique. By software reprogramming, existing card readers that now read the account number off a card's magnetic stripe can also read each card's unique magnetic particle background signature.

The researchers envision a system where banks issuing plastic magstripe cards would read the background signature on each stripe issued and then repeat that signature in an encoded form along with the other account information to be read. Each time the card is used, the background signature information would be compared to the background signature data on file. If a forger, skimmer or card counterfeiter obtained a customer's account number and PIN number and made a duplicate magstripe card, the card reader would detect the different magnetic background signature and could deny the transaction

This system would not stop cards stolen from the cardholder if the PIN number were available, but it would prevent unauthorized copies of cards using valid account number and PIN number information. A report of the discovery of the researchers' work appeared in the January issue of *IEEE Transactions on Magnetics*. Indeck said, "We know it works in the laboratory. Industry people will have to determine if it can be used by a system of thousands of card readers spread around the country. We don't see any reason why it shouldn't work." (*Chicago [Illinois] Tribune*, January 3, Jon Van, reporter).

- 10) More ATMs Approved For Los Angeles Police Stations - In early January, the Los Angeles City Council approved the installation of four more ATMs in police stations in an effort to reduce Los Angeles ATM robberies (see April/May 1993 *Newsletter*, Item #13; and October 1993 *Newsletter*, Item #15). The Council voted to allow the Los Angeles Police Credit Union to operate four additional ATMs to be accessible to the public in police stations at the 77th St., Harbor Division and Wilshire Division Stations, and at the Central Police Facility. The Credit Union has plans to open as many as 26 additional ATMs in Los Angeles Police facilities. (*Los Angeles Times*, January 13).

- 11) Vice President Gore Announces Plan Using Plastic ATM Card To Receive Federal Government Benefits At ATM Terminals - On Tuesday, May 31, Vice President Al Gore announced a program to allow federal government benefits to be dispensed electronically at ATM machines. Using a plastic ATM card, welfare recipients and Social Security pensioners without bank accounts will be able to walk up to any ATM terminal and withdraw their share of the \$500 billion in benefit payments that the federal government dispenses annually. The electronic benefits delivery system, part of the Clinton administration's "reinventing government" initiative, is projected to go online nationally in 1999.

Maryland, currently the only state fully operating an electronic benefits transfer (EBT) system, pays about \$55 million in food stamps, child support and other benefits each month to about 250,000 people. A review of that program after one year showed moderate decreases in administration costs, but a 42% reduction in fraud. Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala said, "There's considerably less paper (with this electronic system). The flip side is that we'll have an electronic audit trail for every transaction, making fraud much easier to detect and prosecute."

Each EBT card user would have a PIN number to prevent thieves from using stolen cards. Food stamp recipients would swipe the card through a POS terminal in a grocery store, instead of paying for their purchases with paper vouchers. The card would block recipients from buying certain prohibited products, and allow government fraud investigators to track transactions more closely than does the current system.

Gore's plan currently permits commercial banks to charge welfare recipients fees for each transaction, a provision which is opposed by consumer activists. (*San Francisco Chronicle*, June 1, Jeff Leeds, reporter).

- 12) ATM Site Safety Checklists Shared By Texas Bank - Sample ATM site safety checklists for : A) weekly site checks and B) night site checks have been released by Broadway National Bank in San Antonio, Texas (See **Bonus Section B**). Karen Moore of Broadway National Bank has refined the forms over the last few years and offers them for the review of interested parties. Dan Flaharty collaborated with Moore on the night site checklist. Moore reports taking a subtotal acknowledgment from the ATM during each site inspection, which both documents the time that the site check was made, and allows a cross check of the time loaded on the ATM camera system against the ATM host computer system time.

The *Newsletter* thanks Broadway National Bank and Karen Moore for sharing these checklists with interested readers.

ATM SECURITY LEGISLATION

- 13) ATM Panhandling Law Passed In San Francisco; Is Proposed In Berkeley And New York - Attempts to limit begging from and harassment of ATM customers has been a topic of legislative concern in several major cities, including Washington, D.C., Berkeley, California and Evanston, Illinois (see July 1993 *Newsletter*, Item #12). In June in San Francisco, 57% of the voters approved a special proposition which bars solicitors from standing within 30 feet of an ATM while another person is using it. First time violators of this city ordinance can be punished by six months in jail and a \$500 fine. (Details of this proposal will follow in the next *Newsletter*.)

Nearby Berkeley, California is considering a law which would prohibit begging within 25 feet of a cash machine or a bank entrance. On the East Coast, two New York City Council members recently introduced a proposal that would make it a crime to panhandle within 15 feet of an ATM. The New York proposal sets punishments of up to 10 days in jail and a \$25 fine. (*Associated Press*, New York, New York, June 28).

ATM-RELATED LITIGATION

- 14) Chase Mahattan Settles Case With Couple Who Claimed \$10,000 Loss Due To ATM Card Counterfeiting - On August 3, Chase Manhattan Bank said it had reached a settlement with a Connecticut couple who claimed they lost \$10,000 in a high-tech case of ATM card counterfeiting. Marco DePalma and Nadine Mahony contend their loss was due to fraudsters "shoulder surfing" their PIN number and fabricating a counterfeit of their ATM card. The spied PIN number, along with the bank account number which may be printed on a discarded receipt, provides the minimal but sufficient information for fraudsters to create a "white plastic" counterfeit of a legitimate card, and to access a customer's bank account while the customer still has their original ATM card.

The \$10,000 problem was detected last April when the couple returned from a trip, examined their bank statement and saw a series of unauthorized ATM withdrawals from an ATM in the city. The couple reported the unauthorized transactions to Chase immediately, but the bank initially decided not to refund their loss, saying in part that their card had not been stolen and that the individual who made the withdrawals clearly knew the appropriate PIN number.

DePalma and Mahony, who work in Manhattan, contacted the Secret Service, hired a lawyer, and wrote to bank regulators. Their efforts to collect compensation paid off. The terms of the settlement were not disclosed but Mahony said, "The situation has been resolved to our satisfaction." ([New York] *Newsday*, August 4, Christine Dugas, reporter).

ATTACKS ON ATM SERVICE TEAMS

- 15) Houston Area ATM Servicer Loses Two Filled Cash Cassettes To Two Masked Robbers - About 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 8, a lone ATM servicer working at a Bank of America Versateller in west Harris County (near Houston) was surprised by two men wearing ski masks and brandishing guns. The robbers ordered the servicer to put his hands in the air, and then grabbed two filled cash cassettes from inside the ATM machine. The robbers escaped in a red Ford pickup truck. (*The Houston [Texas] Post*, January 9).
- 16) Idaho ATM Service Team Robber Hides In Back Seat Of Servicers' Vehicle, Which He Then Steals Along With Cash - About 1 p.m. on Tuesday, January 25, Mark and Victoria Szychula, who work as couriers for a bank, returned to their vehicle after servicing an ATM at Schweitzer Mountain resort near Sandpoint, Idaho. After driving a short distance, a man wearing a white stocking mask sat up in the back seat of their vehicle and "put a gun to the victim's wife's head," said a police spokesperson. It is suspected that the robber got into the vehicle when the couple was servicing the ATM. The robber then ordered the man to drive through Sandpoint to another location where he forced the couple out of their vehicle.

About 1:50 p.m. the couple called the sheriff's office and reported the crime. The stolen vehicle was found abandoned in a remote area about 2:45 p.m. A white ski mask and an empty cash box were found in the back seat. An undisclosed amount of cash was taken. Police believed the man switched vehicles where he abandoned the servicer's stolen vehicle. Police are investigating. ([Sandpoint, Idaho] *Bonner County Daily Bee*, Marlisa Keyes, reporter, front page story).

ATM SERVICE TEAM THEFT

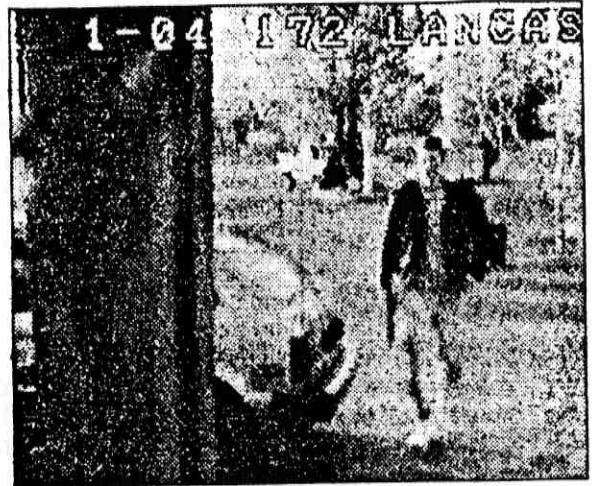
- 17) Minnesota ATM Servicer Who Stole \$46,000 Is Sentenced To 4 Months Home Detention And \$12,500 Restitution - In December 1991, Gary A. Brigham, then 28, stole \$46,000 from an ATM at the Coffman Memorial Union on the University of Minnesota campus (see August / September 1993 *Newsletter*, Item # 36). Until October 1991, Brigham was employed by the American Security Corp. to train ATM servicers. Brigham used his knowledge of ATM equipment to accomplish his theft. On January 10, a U.S. District Court Judge sentenced Brigham to five years probation, four months home detention, and \$12,500 in restitution for the theft. (*St. Paul* [Minnesota] *Pioneer Press*, January 11).

BURGLARY OF ATM MACHINES

- 18) New York Burglars Enter Card-Access ATM Vestibule To Steal Night Deposits -About 1:10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 18, two men wearing ski masks and gloves entered the card-access ATM vestibule at a Chemical Bank in Sunnyside. The burglars knocked out vestibule lighting to blind the ATM security camera, but images of the thieves were still caught on film. The burglars then broke open the night deposit box, and stole receipts inside estimated at several thousand dollars. The investigation is being handled by the New York Joint Bank Robbery Task Force. (*Staten Island* [New York] *Advance*, January 19, Anne Calzolari, reporter).
- 19) Face Of Arkansas ATM Pried Off - On Tuesday, January 4, a spokesperson for First Bank of Arkansas in Searcy reported that someone attempted to break into one of the bank's ATMs. The face of the ATM was pried off, causing about \$600 in damage. ([Searcy, Arkansas] *Daily Citizen*, January 5).
- 20) Ohio ATM Looted Overnight - Some time between 5 p.m. Sunday, January 1 and 8:30 a.m. the following morning an ATM at a Society National Bank branch in Akron, Ohio was burglarized. Police said a large amount of cash was taken, but no dollar loss figure was disclosed. A reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible. Akron police and the FBI are investigating. (*Akron* [Ohio] *Beacon Journal*, January 4).
- 21) Pennsylvania Inmate Pleads Guilty To Attempted ATM Burglary - A Pennsylvania inmate already in state prison pleaded guilty in late January to attempted burglary of an ATM belonging to North Central Bank in Williamsport, Pennsylvania last May 18. Two accomplices implicated Hill in the attempt to pry open the ATM and two other burglaries. Guy Lamont Hill, 32, was sentenced concurrently to 22-to-60 months in state prison for the offense, and was ordered to make restitution of \$3778. (*Williamsport* [Pennsylvania] *Sun-Gazette*, January 29).

ATM CAMERA SUCCESS STORIES

- 22) Chilling ATM Camera Photos Released Of California ATM-Related Homicide In The Act - On Friday March 5, 1993, Hans Herzog, 44, was shot in the head and murdered by Christopher Mann, 19, (see March 1993 *Newsletter*, Item #14; April/May 1993 *Newsletter*, Item # 3 and October 1993 *Newsletter*, Item # 24). ATM camera photos provided key evidence and a major investigative breakthrough in the case when published (see March 1993 *Newsletter*, page 10). Two additional chilling photos of Christopher Mann in the act of murdering Hans Herzog were recently published and appear below. (*Fayetteville [North Carolina] Observer-Times*, January 23, Yana Ginberg, reporter).



Series of photographs shows a murder at a California ATM. Here, suspect approaches with gun ...



... Confronts victim returning to his car ...

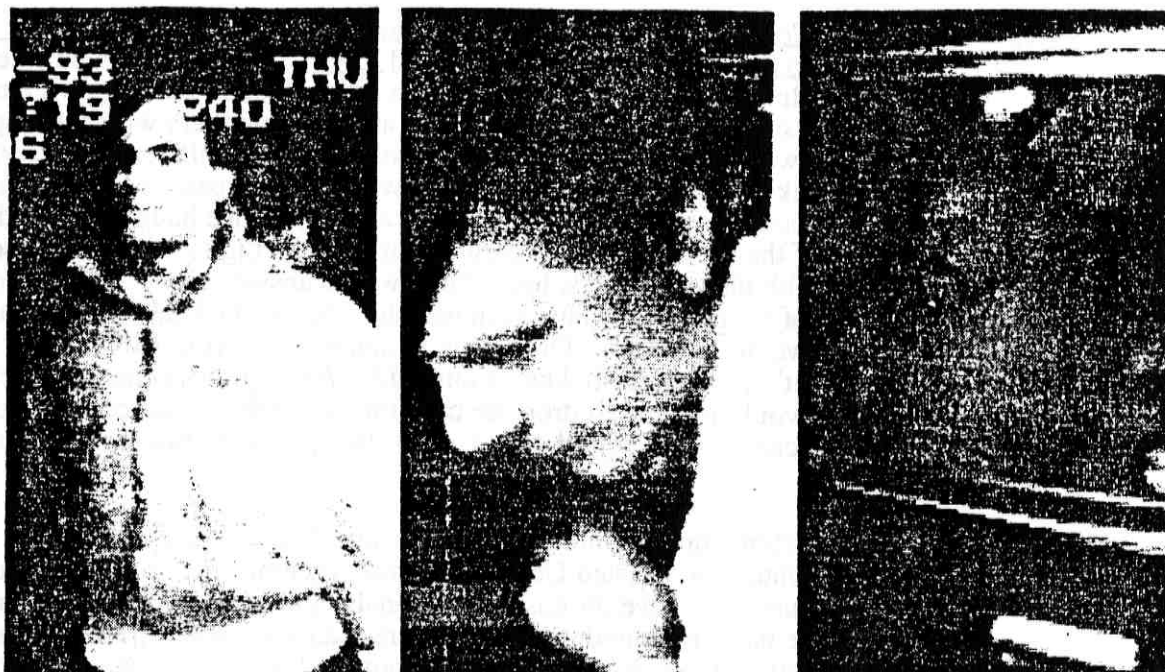


... And fires his weapon at the bank customer.

- 23) Opportunistic Connecticut Thief Takes \$400 Using Forgotten ATM Card, But Is Captured On Camera - On January 4 in South Windsor, Connecticut police arrested Julius B. Whitehead, 28, on charges he used a woman's ATM card which was forgotten in an ATM, to withdraw \$400 from her account. The incident occurred May 21, 1993 when Whitehead put his own ATM card in an adjacent machine at the South Windsor Society For Savings Bank in South Windsor. Whitehead heard the adjacent ATM beeping and the screen message asking if the customer wanted to make another transaction. Whitehead pushed the "yes" button and withdrew \$400 from the account of the woman who had forgotten her ATM card in the machine and had just left. Two days later the woman reported her card was missing. An ATM camera videotape-recorded the transaction. September 7, Whitehead confessed that he made the illegal transaction. He was released on \$1000 bond at a January court appearance. ([Manchester, Connecticut] *Journal Inquirer*, January 6).
- 24) Pennsylvania Victim Of ATM Card Theft And \$1700 Loss Uses ATM Camera Photos To Identify Thief - An unnamed ATM cardholder reported to his bank that nine unauthorized transactions totaling \$1700 had been made on his ATM card between November 7 and November 15. An investigator for CoreStates Bank in Newtown, Pennsylvania obtained ATM camera pictures of the contested transactions, and the customer was able to identify Deborah Haynal, 20, a friend of his daughter's, as the card and cash thief. When Haynal was interviewed, she admitted finding the ATM card at the customer's residence while she was visiting his daughter. Haynal had gone to the bank on several prior occasions with the customer's daughter to make ATM transactions and was familiar with the card PIN number. Haynal was released on her own recognizance and is scheduled for a February court date. ([Newtown Square, Pennsylvania] *County Press*, January 26, Pattie Price, reporter).
- 25) Iowa Teen Using ATM Card Stolen From Coworker Is Captured By ATM Camera Making \$200 Withdrawal - During the first week of January, Eric Fleischer, 18, of the Canton, Ohio area was convicted of taking a coworker's purse and using her ATM card to make a \$200 withdrawal. Fleischer was arrested after he was identified by an ATM camera photo. He was convicted of the charges and sentenced to 180 days in jail, and was fined \$100 in court costs. (*Akron [Ohio] Beacon Journal*, January 7).
- 26) After Seeing ATM Camera Video, Florida ATM Robber Says, "Man, You Got Me" - Early Thursday, January 27, Samuel Lee Wright, 35, no address available, was charged by the Sarasota, Florida police in connection with his attempted robbery of a man at an ATM on the night of November 6. The victim said the robber approached him at the ATM and showed him the robber was carrying a pistol in the waistband of his pants. The victim quickly drove away and called police. When confronted with the videotape evidence of his crime, Wright confessed saying, "Man, you got me." Wright was being held in the Sarasota County Jail on \$11,835 bail. (*Sarasota [Florida] Herald-Tribune*, January 28).
- 27) Published ATM Photos Lead to Arrest Of Georgia Card Thief Who Stole \$2000 - Rome, Georgia police released three ATM camera photos taken during fraudulent withdrawals on a stolen ATM card (see following photos). The men pictured are believed to have stolen the card from the Department of Family and Children's Services in Rome on December 8. The suspect then withdrew at least \$2000 in \$100 increments during the next three days, before the card was cancelled.

On January 3, police published the photos. On Wednesday January 5, a Rome man, Gary William Hill, 36, was arrested in Nashville, Tennessee as he got off of a bus from Rome. Rome police said, "He was identified by the general public--people who called in

and gave us information (after seeing) the paper and the pictures. We located him from that." Two suspected accomplices also have been identified, but charges have not been made because police are unsure how extensive the accomplices' roles were in the thefts. (*Rome [Georgia] News-Tribune*, January 3, January 6 and January 9).



These photos, provided by the Rome police department, were taken in December by camera at an automatic teller machine and provide a glimpse of two people who are suspected in a robbery case. Special photos



IN THE NORTHEAST

- 28) Connecticut Teen Arrested For Withdrawing Cash On Stolen Credit Card - On December 30, Farmington, Connecticut police arrested Marci Goldberg, 18, in connection with the November 17 theft of a credit card, and her alleged use of that card for a fraudulent withdrawal using an ATM. No further details were available. ([New Britain, Connecticut] *Herald*, January 3).
- 29) Another Connecticut Woman Charged With Fraudulent Withdrawal On Stolen ATM Card - On January 25, Lois Beebe was charged with theft of an ATM bank card and the fraudulent use of an automated teller machine. According to police, the arrest stems from two incidents involving the use of a stolen ATM card on or about September 26, 1993. Beebe was released from jail on \$250 bond. ([Manchester, Connecticut] *Journal Inquirer*, January 25).

- 30) New York City Store Employee Robbed Of \$5,000 Deposit At ATM - On December 28, a store employee of Merry Go Round on 86th Street was robbed at gunpoint at a Chemical Bank ATM as he attempted to deposit \$5,000 in store receipts. A robber put a gun to the victim's stomach and demanded the cash. The thief fled on foot. No further details are available. ([Brooklyn, New York] *Home Reporter & Sunset News*, December 31).
- 31) New York Con Man Posing As Police Officer Tricks Elderly Fearful Of Trade Center Bombers Into Surrendering ATM Cards And PINs - During the second week of January, Harvey Adolphus, 42, an accomplished con artist pleaded guilty to tricking six elderly victims into surrendering their ATM cards and PIN numbers which Adolphus used for cash withdrawals. Adolphus presented himself as a police officer, and convinced victims that their bank accounts might be tampered with by terrorists. Adolphus would typically contact his victims as they left a bank, flash a phony police badge and handcuffs and ask his victims if their Citibank ATM card began with the digits 6218. Because all Citibank cards start with those numbers, his victims would answer yes. "Then, he'd say, 'That's the number of the cards that have been used by The World Trade Center Bombers.' Then he'd say, 'Give me your card, I'll destroy it, and give me your PIN number and I'll close your account' ", a bank spokesperson said. After getting the ATM card from his victims, he would pretend to drop the card into a mailbox, but actually would palm the card and pocket it, and return to the bank later to withdraw cash from the victim's account.
- Adolphus victims' ranged in age from their late 50's to late 80's and lost up to \$1,000 each. Adolphus was arrested December 3 after committing the scam twice on the same day. Police say, "We have dozens of additional claims being investigated and he has told police that he has committed this crime more than 20 times." ([New York, New York] *Westsider*, January 13, Robert Kolker, reporter; [New York, New York] *Manhattan Spirit*, January 20, Chris Erickson, reporter).
- 32) Manhattan Woman Assaulted In "Unlit" ATM Vestibule As Bystanders Bang On Locked Entry Door - In a January 10 feature story, the *New York Post* reported that Marlene Roeder, 42, was attacked about 7:30 p.m. Saturday, January 8, in a Midtown Manhattan Citibank branch as "a dozen sympathetic witnesses looked on helplessly from the street". Roeder said she entered the "unlit lobby" after seeing a woman at one of the ATMs. The other female ATM customer had left by the time Roeder was finished. A robber grabbed her by the hair and repeatedly punched her in the face as onlookers banged on the locked ATM vestibule door. "I couldn't get out and the people couldn't get in to help me," Roeder said. "I was totally trapped." Roeder said the man never said a word to her. "He tried to grab the money out of my hand. Everything fell on the floor... He pushed people out of his way they ran after him. They couldn't catch him."
- Roeder believes the robber slipped in the locked ATM vestibule when the other customer left. *The Post* reported an hour earlier, NYPD officer Jim Meury spoke to a bank security guard suggesting the bank be closed until the burned out vestibule lights were fixed. The guard responded that he didn't have the authority to close the bank. *The New York Post* ran a 5 x 7 inch photo of victim Roeder at the involved ATM with the article titled "NIGHTMARE AT A BANK \$\$ MACHINE". (Jackie Rothenberg, reporter).
- 33) New York Woman Robbed Of \$80 At ATM On Sunday Afternoon - About 1:15 p.m. on Sunday, January 16, a 43-year-old woman was struck and robbed at a Manufacturers Hanover ATM in New Rochelle, New York. The robber approached her from behind,

and tried to take her cash from the dispensing tray. He struck her in the back, took \$80 and left. No injury was reported. ([Yonkers, New York] *Herald Statesman*, January 18).

- 34) Syracuse New York Teen Loses \$23 At ATM To Snatch And Run Thief - About 9 p.m. Friday, January 21, Tiffany O'Brien, 19, of Syracuse stopped at an On-Bank ATM to deposit cash. O'Brien told Syracuse police that she parked in the back of the bank and began counting her money as she walked from her car. She realized she wanted to deposit more cash, so she headed back to car to get the required amount. That's when a thief grabbed the cash from her hand and ran away. The thief took \$23 and a deposit slip. (*Syracuse [New York] Herald - American / Post Standard*, January 23, Patrick Lakamp, reporter).
- 35) New Jersey Woman Carjacked, Taken To ATM For \$20 Withdrawal, And Kissed By Abductor - About 5:40 p.m. on Monday, January 24, a 24-year-old Plainfield, New Jersey woman was surprised by a pedestrian in a parking lot who drew a gun as he approached her, and forced her into the passenger seat of her car. The carjacker was unable to drive the 5-speed transmission of the car, and switched seats with the victim. Upon rifling through her purse and discovering her MAC card, he ordered her to drive to a bank, and forced her to make a \$20 cash withdrawal. The man made repeated threats on the woman's life, and described himself as "all messed up" and needing cash because his son was in critical condition at a hospital. Upon returning to the original location of her abduction, the carjacker surprised the victim with a kiss, and jumped out of her car. The woman was badly shaken by the experience. Police are investigating. ([Bridgewater, New Jersey] *Courier-News*, January 26, Tek Talmont, reporter).
- 36) Teenage Albany New York Football Player Witnesses ATM Robbery, Chases Stunned ATM Thief And Recovers \$400 For Victim - At midday on Tuesday, January 25, Charles Bell, 16, was waiting for a bus in Albany when, "I heard a woman screaming, 'Somebody stop him. He's got my money.' The guy ran past me with a middle-age man in a suit running after him. I put my McDonald's [lunch] down and took off after him." Bell, a high school football player, overtook the middle-aged thief in a foot race, and the stunned thief handed \$400 over to Bell and started running again.

Bell stopped his pursuit saying, "It's just that I got the money back that I stopped [pursuing the man]," Bell said. Bell then located the victim, Rebecca McBride and returned the cash to her. "I just did my good deed for the day," Bell said. "At first I didn't want to do it [get involved], but then I just did it. I thought it could be my mother, or someone in my family, or my friends," Bell said afterwards. McBride was trying to make a deposit in a Fleet Bank ATM when the thief, Prasant Pharaphan, 27, reached around her and ripped the deposit envelope out of her hand. Pharaphan was arrested a short time later at a nearby Greyhound Bus Station by Albany Police. ([Schenectady, New York] *Daily Gazette*, January 26, John Moran, reporter).



Charles Bell, 16

- 37) New York Police Officer Spots Suspicious Boy At ATM And Recovers Stolen Wallet, ATM Card, And \$100 Cash - On Monday, January 24, a 15-year-old Hudson, New York boy was spotted tampering with an ATM machine outside Hudson City Savings

Institution. Investigation by a police officer revealed the boy had in his possession a stolen wallet, an ATM card, and about \$100 in cash believed taken in the theft of the wallet. ([Hillsdale, New York] *Independent*, January 27).

- 38) Delaware Home Invasion Sexual Assailant Steals ATM Card And Makes Withdrawal - About 10:15 p.m. on Tuesday, September 28, Newark, Delaware police reported a man gained entry to a woman's apartment by breaking in an outside window. The intruder sexually attacked the woman and bound her before fleeing the residence. The suspect also stole currency and the victim's MAC card. The rapist immediately used the MAC card to withdraw additional currency from a nearby ATM. Delaware Crimestoppers is offering a cash reward for information leading to the arrest of the suspect. (*Middletown* [Delaware] *Transcript*, January 6).
- 39) Two Men In Pennsylvania Attempt Theft Of Woman's ATM Card From Machine - About 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 21, a woman put her card into a MAC ATM outside of the Deptford Mall near Philadelphia. A man grabbed her card and tried to take it, and the woman struggled with him. A second man appeared and started to pull off the victim's coat, saying, "Well, then, how about giving us the jacket." The woman began yelling and ran back into the mall. No further details were available. (*Philadelphia* [Pennsylvania] *Inquirer*, December 24).
- 40) Philadelphia Man Robbed Of \$150 At Bala Cynwyd ATM, Drug Addict Arrested - About 8:47 p.m. on January 7, a 22-year-old man from Philadelphia was using an ATM in the Mellon PSFS branch in a Bala Cynwyd shopping center when a man came up behind him and said, "This is a robbery, I have a gun and I want \$150." The victim told police he felt a hard object being pressed into his back, but never saw a gun. The victim withdrew \$150 and handed it over to the robber, who then ran to a dark colored station wagon and drove off.

About two weeks later Thomas Robert Wischusen, 42, of Bucks County, Pennsylvania was arrested and charged with this and many other area robberies. Police said, "He is a known habitual drug user. We believe he was trying to support his habit of a couple hundred dollars a day and that's why he committed all these robberies." Police believe Wischusen may have been living in his car for the last few weeks. ([Ardmore, Pennsylvania] *Main Line Times*, January 13 and January 27, Kathy O'Laughlin, reporter).

- 41) Pennsylvania Nurse Uses ATM Card Stolen From 75-Year-Old Retirement Home Woman For \$4,000 In Unauthorized Withdrawals - During the third week of January, Martha Miller, 35, of Carlisle, Pennsylvania admitted stealing a never-before-used ATM card with the PIN number still attached from Frances Comfort, 75, who lives in a retirement village where Miller was employed. Miller used the stolen card 37 times to withdraw \$4,000 from the victim's account.

Miller pleaded guilty to the charges and agreed to make restitution to the victim. She could receive up to seven years in prison and a \$1500 fine for each felony charge against her. Police identified Miller with the aid of ATM camera photos. ([Chambersburg, Pennsylvania] *Public Opinion*, January 21, Joanne Diller, reporter).

- 42) Pennsylvania Man Stabbed In Hand During Attempted ATM Robbery - About 9 p.m. on Monday, January 24, Robert Ballentine, 38, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania was confronted at a MAC machine by a knife-wielding man who attempted to take the victim's deposit money. Ballentine did not turn over his cash, and was stabbed in the hand by the robber. The suspect fled in a compact car driven by an accomplice. Police are investigating. ([Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania] *Times Leader*, January 26).



IN THE SOUTH

- 43) Thief Snatches Cash From Maryland Teenager At ATM - About 12:20 p.m. on Tuesday, January 4, a thief snatched cash from a teenager using an ATM at Citizens Bank in Crofton, Maryland. The thief fled on foot, and the teenager was not injured. No further details are available. ([Annapolis, Maryland] *Capital*, January 5).
- 44) Maryland Woman Robbed At ATM In Early Evening - About 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, January 5, a Glen Burnie, Maryland woman using a Signet Bank ATM on Crain Highway in North County was confronted by a man who demanded her cash. The victim dropped her cash to the ground, the robber picked it up and ordered her to take more cash out and then ran towards the rear of the bank. Police are investigating. ([Annapolis, Maryland] *Capital*, January 6).
- 45) ATM Robbery Attempt In Annapolis Fails - About 6:20 p.m. on Sunday, January 9, a 47-year-old woman was withdrawing cash from an Annapolis Bank and Trust ATM when a robber appeared, pointed a gun at her and demanded her cash. The victim screamed, and the robber fled without any loot. ([Annapolis, Maryland] *Capital*, January 10).
- 46) Annapolis Woman Helps Man Use ATM But Later Organizes Robbery Of His ATM Card - On January 9, an Annapolis woman, Rhoda Elva Rabasco, 37, was charged with robbing a man by misusing his bank card. Rabasco allegedly helped the man withdraw cash at an ATM on October 30 and learned his PIN number. Later that day, she asked him to give her a ride to a location, where two men robbed him. After obtaining his card, it was misused by the offenders. ([Annapolis, Maryland] *Capital*, January 10).
- 47) Maryland Woman Carjacked From Parking Lot And Taken To ATM For Forced Withdrawal And Car Theft - About 5:40 p.m. on Sunday, January 9, a 36-year-old woman loading packages into her car in a parking lot in Gaithersburg was confronted by a man who approached her and implied he had a handgun. The man demanded cash and forced the woman to drive him to an ATM where the maximum daily dollar withdrawal amount was taken from the ATM. The abductor told the woman to use her credit cards to withdraw additional cash, but because she did not have PIN numbers for the credit card accounts, she was unable to. The carjacker made her leave the car, and stole her 1992 Toyota Camry. ([Rockville, Maryland] *Gaithersburg Gazette West*, January 12, Georgia McDonald, reporter, front page story).
- 48) Man And Woman Rob ATM User In Silver Spring Maryland - About 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 11, a 34-year-old man using a Mellon Bank ATM in Silver Spring, Maryland was surprised by a robber who got out of an automobile driven by his female accomplice, placed a metal object in the victim's back, and told him to drop his wallet. The victim complied and the male and female robbers drove away. ([Rockville, Maryland] *Montgomery Journal*, January 14).
- 49) Baltimore Police Arrest Man In Carjacking Of Woman And Forced ATM Withdrawal - On Wednesday, January 12, Alison Barnes was grabbed from behind shortly after she parked her car by a man who put a knife to her throat and then carjacked her. The allegedly abductor, Robert Lane, 28, drove Barnes through the city and county and

forced her to withdraw cash from an ATM. The carjacker released the woman and fled in her 1986 Mazda. Lane was arrested driving the stolen car. ([Baltimore, Maryland] *Sun*, January 15, Gregory Kane, reporter).

- 50) Baltimore Husband Frightens ATM Robber Away From His Wife - About 8 p.m. Monday, January 17, Mazie Ann Nadwodny, 48, was using a Signet Bank ATM when a robber appeared with a handgun and demanded her cash. Nadwodny's husband came to her aid suddenly and surprised the robber, scaring him away. As the robber fled, he threw what turned out to be a pellet gun to the ground. No cash was lost. No further details were available. ([Baltimore, Maryland] *Sun*, January 19).
- 51) Baltimore Man Robbed Of \$200 At ATM - About 9 p.m. on Monday, January 17, Ronald Imbragulo, 27, was withdrawing cash from an ATM behind the state Motor Vehicle Administration building when a robber came up behind him and poked a handgun in his back. The robber ordered the victim to turn over the \$40 he had just withdrawn, then to take an additional \$160 from the machine. The victim complied, and also turned over his drivers license and car keys, as the robber directed him to do. ([Baltimore, Maryland] *Sun*, January 19).
- 52) Baltimore Newspaper Editor Abducted From His Home, Hooded And Taken To ATM For \$300 Withdrawal - About 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 25, James Keat, 64, an editor for the Baltimore *Sun* was confronted by a group of men, one of whom had what appeared to be a sawed-off shotgun. The abductors put a cloth hood over Keat's head, and drove him to an ATM where he was forced to reveal his bank card number. The robbers withdrew \$300 in cash and took the victim's ring, watch, and wallet. Keat was not physically injured. ([Baltimore, Maryland] *Sun*, January 27).
- 53) Maryland Woman Attacked Leaving Credit Union ATM - On Monday, January 24, Charlene Kirby, 29, of Aberdeen, Maryland reported she had just finished using an ATM at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union when she was assaulted by a man. The victim received scratches on her arms and was treated and released from a local hospital. The suspect in the case fled the scene in a car. Police believe robbery was the motive, but it is unclear if any money was taken. ([Havre de Grace, Maryland] *Record*, January 28).
- 54) Virginia Man Robbed Of Daily Dollar Withdrawal Limit - On Saturday afternoon January 8, a man walking to his car after withdrawing cash from a First Union National Bank ATM in Roanoke, Virginia was confronted by a man with a handgun who demanded cash. The robber took the cash the victim had and told the victim to return to the ATM and get more. After the victim had withdrawn the daily dollar withdrawal limit, the robber fled. No further details were reported. (*Roanoke [Virginia] Times & World - News*, January 9).
- 55) Virginia Woman's Tears Cause ATM Robber To Flee - About 8 p.m. on Monday, January 10, a 25-year-old woman was trying to withdraw cash from a Crestar ATM near Woodbridge, Virginia when an unkempt man approached her and asked her why she was unable to get cash from the machine. The victim ignored the man until he put his arms around her, demanded money, and grabbed her blouse and opened it. When the woman told the man she couldn't withdraw money, he reacted angrily and pushed her up against the wall. The woman cried and the would-be robber fled. ([Woodbridge, Virginia] *Potomac News*, January 12).
- 56) Virginia Driveup ATM Customer Ignores Gun-Wielding Robber And Drives Away - About 12:45 a.m. on an unspecified day, a customer at a Manassas, Virginia driveup

Crestar ATM was confronted by a gun-wielding suspect. The suspect demanded money, but the victim simply drove away. No cash was lost. ([Manassas, Virginia] *Journal Messenger*, January 14).

- 57) Attempted ATM Robbery In Virginia Fails - About 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 23, a 34-year-old woman returning to her car after withdrawing cash from an Independent Bank ATM near Woodbridge, Virginia was confronted by a man with a gun. The robber demanded her cash, but for an unknown reason, fled before taking it. ([Woodbridge, Virginia] *Potomac News*, January 26, Denyse Tannenbaum, Reporter).
- 58) North Carolina Woman Shot At While Pursuing Men Who Robbed Her At ATM - About 12:30 a.m. Sunday, January 2, a 38-year-old woman was robbed at gunpoint at an ATM in Charlotte, North Carolina. The victim told police a thief armed with a handgun took \$25 in cash and her car telephone. The victim followed the suspects in her vehicle for several blocks until they began shooting at her. ([Charlotte, North Carolina] *Observer*, January 3).
- 59) Four Teenagers In North Carolina ATM Robbery Spotted By Paramedics And Arrested - About 9:50 p.m. on Wednesday, January 5 the Ogden-New Hanover (North Carolina) Rescue Squad was returning back to its station after getting gas when they noticed someone acting suspiciously at the United Carolina Bank driveup ATM in Ogden. They saw a man walking toward the bank who kept looking over his shoulder and then ducked behind the ATM. The paramedics radioed the sheriff's department with a report of a robbery in progress and then stopped their ambulance to help.

The victim of this robbery said he pulled up to the ATM and had taken his money, and was waiting for his receipt when, "The next thing I knew, he's right there at the window." The robber was carrying a silver handgun and told the victim to hand over all his money. The victim said, "You're crazy, I'm not giving you my money." Just then, the paramedics drove up and the robber fled.

Within an hour, sheriff's deputies had four suspects in custody: Kristina Gregory, 17; Shekelia Hines, 16; Leander Hands, 18; and an unnamed juvenile. All were charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon. (*Wilmington* [North Carolina] *Morning Star*, January 6, Tracy Rose, reporter; January 7).

- 60) Woman From Duke University Campus Carjacked By Masked Men And Forced To Make \$300 ATM Withdrawal - About 10:10 p.m. Sunday, January 16, a female Duke University undergraduate student had parked her car near the stadium on campus when two suspects approached her, one carrying a silver-colored semiautomatic handgun. The robbers told the victim to get back into her car and ordered her to drive them around Durham. They took her to a ATM in downtown Durham where she withdrew \$300 after they threatened to shoot her if she did not comply. The abductors wore masks during the incident, making their identification more difficult. Videotapes from five cameras continually surveying the parking lot from which the woman was abducted are being scrutinized in hope of finding evidence about the abduction. ([Durham, North Carolina] *Duke Chronicle*, January 18, Geoffrey Greene, reporter, front page story).
- 61) Georgia Couple Flee Driveup ATM Robber And Are Shot At - About 9 p.m. Sunday, January 9, a 34-year-old woman had just taken cash from a Bank South ATM near Riverdale, Georgia when a man stepped from behind the ATM and pointed a small handgun at her. The robber demanded the woman's money, but she quickly got into her vehicle where her male companion was waiting, and attempted to put the car in gear. The robber continued to yell "give me the money" and then fired several times at the passenger side window as the woman tried to drive away. The woman and her male

passenger drove to a nearby convenience store, where police were called. A single handgun shell casing was recovered at the crime scene. ([Jonesboro, Georgia] *Clayton News/Daily*, January 12, Gregg Parker, reporter)

- 62) Two Atlanta Teens Arrested In Carjacking, Forced ATM Withdrawal And Shooting Of Victim - On Tuesday night January 11, Randy Softley was abducted by two men and forced to drive to an Atlanta-area ATM. During the incident, Softley scuffled with his abductors, who shot him in the chest and back. Police arrested Royal Holmes, 18, and Jenard Shepherd, 17, in connection with the case. No further details were available. (*Atlanta [Georgia] Journal*, January 13, Anne Cowles, reporter, front page story).

- 63) Two Men Arrested In Four Atlanta-Area Abductions, Forced ATM Withdrawals And Sexual Assaults Of Lone Females - On January 12, after months of detective work, Fulton County Police arrested two men they believe are responsible for four kidnappings, forced ATM withdrawals and sexual attacks on lone females last year. The suspects followed female motorists to their homes late at night, abducted them as they got out of their cars and forced them to drive to ATMs on Old National Highway and to withdraw cash from their bank accounts. The women were then taken to isolated areas, sexually assaulted and released.



**Tyrone
Chambers**



**George
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Arrested were Tyrone Chambers, 19, and George Wright, 28. The abductions occurred February 28, March 5, March 17 and March 21. (*Atlanta [Georgia] Journal Atlanta Constitution*, January 15, Bill Montgomery, reporter).

- 64) Georgia Bank Upgrades Lighting After Its First ATM Robbery - Bank South of Forsyth, Georgia has completed installation of new lighting at its ATM, in the parking lot and at its driveup night depository, after experiencing its first ATM robbery on November 30, 1993. In that incident, an employee of Wendy's restaurant was making a night deposit when an armed robber stepped around the corner and robbed the victim at gunpoint. In December, a 17-year-old and 2 juveniles were arrested in connection with the incident. ([Forsyth, Georgia] *Monroe County Reporter*, January 19, Diane Crosby, reporter).

- 65) Two Emory College Students In Atlanta Robbed Near ATMs In One Week - About 9:20 p.m. on Friday, January 14, two men confronted a female Emory College student at a NationsBank ATM on North Decatur Road. The woman gave the robbers \$10 and her wallet, which contained a drivers license, credit card and a ATM card.

About 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 19, another Emory college student was robbed by two men at a Wachovia Bank ATM near the college campus. The male student was approached by two robbers after he withdrew \$35. One of the robbers placed a knife against the victim's stomach, while the other took the victim's money and wallet. The victim lost a credit card, a bank card and a drivers license in his wallet. ([Atlanta, Georgia] *Emory Wheel*, January 21 and 25, Anne Page, reporter, front page stories).

66) Georgia Police Seek Identity Of Opportunistic ATM Thief - On October

12, Gregory Fetzer reported he had left his ATM card at an ATM in Calhoun, Georgia. An unidentified man found the card and used it to make three withdrawals from Fetzer's account on October 15. The withdrawals totalled more than \$300. The accompanying ATM camera photo is of the suspect in the case. Police are seeking information about the suspect's identity. (*Calhoun [Georgia] Times & Gordon County News*, January 22).



67) U.S. Army Ranger Shot In Jaw After Georgia ATM Withdrawal - About 8:40 p.m. Sunday, January 23, James Souert, 27, a Hunter Army Air Field Ranger was shot in the jaw. Souert had just used the ATM at the NationsBank at Oglethorpe Mall and was sitting in his Honda Civic when the attack occurred. The gunman shot through the window opening in the driver's door, but apparently did not get Souert's cash. Souert told police that two men approached him, demanded his money and then shot him. After the shooting, Souert drove himself to a nearby security gate at Hunter Army Air Field where he got help. The two robbers fled in a small white car. (*Savannah [Georgia] Evening Press*, January 24, Marcus Holland, reporter).

68) Florida Woman Robbed Of \$100 At ATM As Robbers Scare Off Three Bystanders - About 7:51 p.m. Tuesday, January 4, two robbers, one armed with a handgun, forced a 44-year-old St. Augustine woman to withdraw \$100 from a ATM in Palatka, Florida. The woman had stopped at the First Union ATM when two men, one armed with a small handgun, approached her. The robbers demanded she withdraw \$500. Meanwhile, three other men approached the ATM, apparently to use it. The woman yelled to the approaching bystanders that the robbers had a gun and she needed help. One of the robbers turned towards the three bystanders and started chasing them. Meanwhile, the gunman forced the victim to take \$100 from the ATM. The robbers fled on foot. The newspaper report noted that there has not been a cash machine robbery in Palatka in several years. ([Palatka, Florida] *Daily News*, January 5, front page story).

69) Florida Gunman Robs ATM Customer Of \$21 And Is Refused A Ride - About 8 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18, a 28-year-old man told Daytona Beach police he was robbed at gunpoint at a First Union Bank ATM. A robber wielding a handgun approached the victim just after he finished withdrawing \$20, and demanded the cash. The victim gave the gunman his \$20 and \$1 he had in his wallet. The gunman then demanded the victim give him a ride, and the victim refused. The gunman walked away. ([Daytona Beach, Florida] *News-Journal* January 20).

- 70) Tampa ATM Robberies Continue In January - About 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 4, an armed robber held up a 29-year-old man at the ATM at the NationsBank at Kennedy Boulevard and McDill Avenue in Tampa, Florida. The robber displayed a silver revolver and told the victim to "give it up", police said. The bandit, who stayed out of sight of the machine's surveillance camera, told the man to withdraw \$200, then said "no, \$420." The robber took the cash and fled on an old bicycle.

In a second incident at 5:38 p.m. on Wednesday, January 26, three teenagers drove up in a car beside a 40-year-old man using a Barnett Bank ATM on West Cypress Street in Tampa. One teenage passenger jumped out, pointed a .38 caliber revolver at the victim and demanded he withdraw \$300. The teenage robbers took the victim's cash and the man's watch and jumped into the car, a stolen 1985 Chevrolet Impala. Later that night Tampa police spotted the car and arrested a 16-year-old whose name was withheld because of his age. Police believe that the teenager may be involved with three other similar ATM robberies.

Another ATM robbery occurred at 5:45 a.m. on Sunday morning January 30 at a Barnett Bank ATM on North Himes Street in West Tampa. A man and a woman were at the machine when they were confronted by three masked robbers who forced them to withdraw cash from the ATM. The suspects were described as teenagers wearing ski masks. They took an undisclosed amount of cash as well as jewelry from the man and woman.

About 1:10 a.m. on Sunday, January 30, a man and a woman who drove up to the Barnett Bank ATM on North Himes Street were confronted by three teenagers clad in ski masks. One of them pulled a gun on them and another jumped into their car. The thieves grabbed the cash the couple held and took the man's watch. The robbers drove away in a 1990's white four-door automobile. (*Tampa, [Florida] Tribune*, January 6; January 28, Dirk Lammers, reporter; January 31; February 1).

- 71) Knife-Wielding ATM Robbery Attempt Is First In Bolivar, Tennessee - About 10 p.m. Wednesday, January 5, Jim Tolley had pulled up to a ATM in Bolivar, Tennessee, when a robber jumped into his vehicle on the passenger side, demanding cash. Tolley told police that the robber had a knife in his hand. Tolley grabbed the knife by the blade and broke the blade off from the handle. Tolley then drove his car from the bank lot as the robber jumped from the car and ran. Tolley was treated for cuts to the palms of both hands. The victim reported to police that he had not inserted his card into the ATM, and that nothing was taken. (*Bolivar [Tennessee] Bulletin-Times*, January 12, front page story).

- 72) Police Arrest Two Suspects After Louisiana State University ATM Robbery And Car Chase - On Thursday night December 30, two men, Shedrick Nettles, 18, and Kedrick Hubbard, 19, are accused of waiting in a car in the parking lot behind the Louisiana State University (LSU) Student Union until a man withdrew cash out of a ATM, and then robbing the man of \$80 while holding a .357 caliber Magnum handgun on him.

Plainclothes LSU police officers in the area saw the robbery and alerted other police. A chase ensued, during which the suspects' vehicle went into a spin, striking one the police cars, then hitting a tree stump and coming to a halt. Neither of the suspects nor the victim were LSU students. No injuries were reported. ([Baton Rouge, Louisiana] *Sunday Advocate*, January 2).

- 73) Man At Galveston ATM Robbed Of \$200 Cash And \$5,000 In Jewelry - About 11:52 p.m. on Friday, January 21, a 33-year-old man from Houston was robbed at an ATM by two men. The two robbers demanded the victim's cash and jewelry. The victim gave the robbers \$200 in cash, a \$500 ring, a \$3,000 bracelet, and a \$1,500 watch. (*Galveston [Texas] Daily News*, January 23, Chris Williams, reporter).
- 74) Southern Methodist University Student Robbed Of \$422 At Driveup ATM - Thursday night January 20, Tyler Hutchens, a Southern Methodist University (SMU) senior, was at a driveup ATM at a BankOne in Dallas when an unidentified male approached his car and pointed a gun to his head. "By the time I saw him, there was a gun at my head.....I can't think of anything I could have done," Hutchens said. The robber forced the victim to withdraw all the cash he could, threatening to kill him if he did not. Hutchens made two withdrawals and gave the robber the remaining cash in his wallet, for a total of \$422. University Park police said two men already arrested on other charges were suspects in the Hutchens robbery, while a third man remained at large. (Dallas, Texas] *Daily Campus*, January 25, Chris Kinnaird, reporter).
- 75) Houston CrimeStoppers Seek Two ATM Robbers - The Houston area CrimeStoppers has offered \$1000 for information leading to the arrest of two men involved in an ATM robbery. Around 9:45 p.m. on Monday, November 22, an ATM customer was approached after withdrawing cash from an ATM in the Galleria area. Two men ran up to the drivers window and demanding the female victim's purse at gunpoint. One robber went through the purse, while the other guarded the woman's passenger in the car. The first robber forced the driver to give him her ATM card and PIN number, and to withdraw \$400. They then told the victim to drive away and not to look back. The robbers fled on foot. The accompanying sketches of the two robbers was released by police in connection with this incident. (*Houston [Texas] Chronicle*, January 31).



Police sketches



IN THE MIDWEST

- 76) Card Stolen From Purse At Indiana New Year's Eve Party Used For \$300 Withdrawal - Between 11:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve and 1 a.m. on New Year's Day, an ATM card stolen from an unnamed victim's purse at a neighborhood party was used to withdraw \$300 from a Noblesville, Indiana ATM. The card thief attempted to use the card a second time for a withdrawal, but it was seized by the machine. The victim told police she would not press charges. ([Noblesville, Indiana] *Daily Ledger*, January 4).
- 77) Seven Michigan Men Suspects In ATM-Involved Bank Fraud Scheme - On January 5, Canton Township Police (near Wayne, Michigan) were informed of a scheme involving seven men who worked together to steal \$12,000 from the University of Michigan Credit Union in Ann Arbor. The scheme allegedly ran between July and November last year, and involved each of the seven men opening an account at the Credit Union with the minimum initial deposit. The suspects then went to area ATMs and deposited bad personal checks. Then the men drove to different ATMs to withdraw cash they had

earlier indicated they deposited. Credit Union officials suspect the men worked together because of a similar address given by three of the suspects. ([Wayne, Michigan] *Canton Eagle*, January 12).

- 78) Michigan Couple Discovers Missing ATM Card Used For \$1000 In Withdrawals - A Farmington Hills, Michigan couple who had been missing an ATM card, along with credit cards and a drivers license, learned from their bank that there had been a great deal of ATM activity on their card, and some of the missing checks in their account had come back because of insufficient funds. The ATM card was used at Standard Federal on December 29 to obtain \$1000 in cash. No further details were available. (*Farmington [Michigan] Observer*, January 27).
- 79) Teen Michigan ATM Robbery Suspect Arrested In Less Than One Hour By Ann Arbor Police - About 11:15 p.m. on Thursday, January 27, a 22-year-old woman was standing at an ATM near Ann Arbor, Michigan when a robber forced her to withdraw \$200, then stole her ATM card and a radar detector. After the robber fled, the Pittsfield Township police released a description of his vehicle to other law enforcement agencies. An Ann Arbor officer picked up a 18-year-old Ypsilanti man at 12:10 a.m., after running two stop signs. After questioning the suspect, police went to the involved address and found the woman's stolen property. The robber's weapon actually was a toy semiautomatic handgun. The teenage suspect was in police custody. (*Ann Arbor [Michigan] News*, January 28).
- 80) Three Wisconsin Teens Involved In Two-Day Blitz Of Fake ATM Deposits And Cash Withdrawals - On May 30 and June 1, 1992, three Wisconsin teens, Gina Ambrosia, 19, of Walworth, Wisconsin and Jon Hall, 19, and Patrick Sherman, 19, of Janesville were involved in 45 transactions at local ATM machines in a scheme they thought was a "good way to get money." The trio made at least 14 fake deposits, one of which was for \$100,000, using empty envelopes or old ATM receipts. The trio attempted at least 11 withdrawals which were unsuccessful and three successful withdrawals. Trials were scheduled in January and February for members of the trio. (*Lake Geneva [Wisconsin] Regional News*, January 13).
- 81) Illinois Woman Complains Of \$340 In Unauthorized Withdrawals - A 21-year-old Des Plaines woman told police that between December 3 and 24, someone had used her ATM card to make unauthorized withdrawals from her account for \$340. No further details were available. (*Skokie [Illinois] Life*, January 20).
- 82) Three Illinois People Jailed for \$800 ATM Theft Via Bad Deposits - In late January, an Illinois trio who have no permanent addresses, Andrew Krumbhaar, 26, Paula Osborn, 27, and Tennyson Osborn, 30, were charged with felony theft. Police said the three established a bank account and made empty envelope ATM deposits, then withdrew more than \$800 from ATMs. The three remain jailed prior to court appearances. ([Bloomington, Illinois] *Pantograph*, January 29).
- 83) Rural Minnesota Man Jailed For \$700 In Cash Withdrawals Against Empty Envelope ATM Deposits - In mid-January, a 22-year-old rural Hector, Minnesota man was arrested in connection with his use of an ATM card belonging to a friend. David Edward Thormodson, is accused of using the borrowed card to make two empty envelope deposits in the amount of \$6,995 and \$7,854. Thormodson then withdrew \$700 from the ATM. First American Bank of Willmar authorities alerted police to the scam. The cardholder acknowledged he had allowed Thormodson to use his card on the understanding that he would deposit money in the account. The cardholder said he believed Thormodson had large amounts of stocks and securities, and plenty of cash. ([Willmar, Minnesota] *West Central Tribune*, January 10, front page story).



IN THE WEST

- 84) Man In Ski Mask Scares Off Arizona Woman Who Leaves Card In ATM - About 12:45 a.m. on Saturday, January 15, a 36-year-old woman told police that she was at a Bank of America driveup ATM in Scottsdale, Arizona and had inserted her card and begun her transaction when she noticed a man wearing a ski mask approaching her car from the rear. The woman said she immediately drove off, leaving her card in the ATM. As she left, she saw the man take her card from the machine, but could not tell if he was able to get any cash from her account. (*Scottsdale [Arizona] Progress*, January 18).
- 85) Three Washington State Men Held In Two ATM Robberies, Abductions And Assaults - Early Sunday, January 16, a 41-year-old man using a First Interstate Bank ATM in downtown Renton, Washington was attacked by two men who demanded cash. The victim was unable to withdraw any money from his account, and the robbers forced him into his car. They taped his mouth, eyes and hands with duct tape before hitting him with a pistol, dumping him at a nearby park and stealing his car. The man struggled free and called police, who stopped the suspects a short while later driving the victim's car. A search of the car recovered the victim's wallet and a .38 caliber semiautomatic pistol. Police also recovered a pair of plastic gloves similar to the one stuck to a piece of duct tape used to bind the victim.

A 20-year-old Seattle man is being held on \$250,000 bail and an 18-year-old Renton man is being held on \$200,000 bail. Prosecutors were deciding whether to file charges against a 16-year-old boy who also is believed involved in the robberies.

The suspects are thought to have committed a similar crime against a 27-year-old man at the same ATM at 11:40 p.m. on Friday, January 14. In that incident, \$30 was taken from the victim. Police believe the trio may have been involved in a similar robbery at the same First Interstate Bank ATM on January 8. (*The Seattle [Washington] Times*, January 20, Wayne Wurzer, reporter).

CALIFORNIA INCIDENTS

- 86) Fresno Man Gets Sixteen Years In Prison For Robbery Spree Including Shooting Of ATM Customer - During the first week of January, Anthony Wayne Jackson, 24, was sentenced for three robberies to which he plead guilty on December 7. Jackson received a total of 16 years and 4 months in prison for three crimes, including an October 3 robbery of \$130 at a Fresno Educational Employees Credit Union and the October 5 ATM robbery and shooting of Mary Poulos (see October 1993 *Newsletter*, Item #30). Poulos was shot in the left side, and still has the bullet lodged in her pelvis. Jackson said he was drunk and thought the gun was unloaded. Anonymous tips and ATM camera videotapes led to the arrest of Jackson and his juvenile accomplice, who was sentenced to seven years in the California Youth Authority. The credit union has since installed a 911 emergency button on the ATM. (*Fresno [California] Bee*, January 6, Pablo Lopez, reporter).



Anthony Wayne Jackson

- 87) Cash Snatched From Salinas ATM Customer - About 2:15 p.m. on Thursday January 6, a 47-year-old woman who had just withdrawn cash from a Wells Fargo Bank ATM in Salinas reported a man snatched cash from her and fled in a gray compact car. The victim was not injured and the cash loss was not disclosed. No further details were available. ([Salinas, California] *Californian*, January 7).
- 88) Rialto Woman Carjacked And Robbed Of ATM Card And PIN Later Has Cash Stolen From Her Account - Shortly before 11 p.m. on Monday January 10, a Rialto, California woman had just arrived home and was in the carport of her apartment complex when a man armed with a semiautomatic handgun confronted her. The man got in her car and forced the woman to drive around while he went through her purse, where he found her ATM card. The man forced the victim to tell him her PIN number and later use the card to withdraw an undisclosed amount of cash from her account. ([San Bernardino, California] *Sun*, January 12).
- 89) Woman Robbed Of \$30 Costume Jewelry Necklace At San Leandro ATM - About 9:45 p.m. Thursday January 13, Nancy Kwok, 22, had just finished making a deposit at a Wells Fargo Bank ATM in San Leandro when two men approached her. One of the men held a metal bar in his right hand and ordered the woman to give him her money. Kwok told the robbers she had no cash and started to run. The man holding the metal bar grabbed Kwok by the hair and pulled her to the ground and took her necklace, a piece of costume jewelry valued at \$30. ([Hayward, California] *Daily Revue*, January 15, Glenn Chapman, reporter).
- 90) Fremont ATM Robbery Nets \$40 - About 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 19, a woman who had just withdrawn \$40 from a Bank of America ATM in Fremont, California was confronted by an armed teenager, who grabbed her left arm and demanded her cash while pointing a black, semiautomatic handgun at her stomach. The woman turned over her \$40, screamed and the robber fled in a light blue Nissan parked behind the bank. ([Fremont, California] *Argus*, January 21, Christine Young, reporter).



INTERNATIONAL REPORTS

- 91) Counterfeit \$20 Bill Vended From Canadian ATM - On New Year's Day, John Smyth withdrew \$100 from a CIBC ATM at a Winks Convenience store in Tecumseh, Ontario, Canada. Smyth got four crisp Canadian \$20 bills and one impostor. The Canadian \$20 bill bearing serial No. 56948644770, was very faded on one side. A noticeably lighter colored ink was used on the back side of the note. The counterfeit bill also felt different from the genuine bank notes. "It felt like waxed paper," a police inspector said. Counterfeit \$20 bills bearing the same serial number also have turned up recently in the Toronto area. The fact that this bill was vended from an ATM is unusual, because most counterfeit currency is detected at financial institutions and taken out of circulation. (*Windsor* [Ontario, Canada] *Star*, January 3, Chuck Sinkevitch, reporter).
- 92) Details Revealed Of Burglary Attacks On Japanese ATMs - Crimes of violence both to persons and to property occur at a much lower rate in Japan than in the United States. However, with the largest number of ATMs of any country in the world (an estimated 108,300 in 1992, versus 100,400 in Europe and 87,300 in the United States), ATMs in Japan have been a target of criminal activity. Typically, ATMs in service in Japan are not

fortified against attack as strongly as those built in the United States. In recent years, a major security problem has been burglary attacks on ATMs. The Japanese Center for Financial Industry Information Systems and a Japanese subscriber to the *Newsletter* have provided the following data about burglary attacks on ATMs in Japan.

As the following two figures note, there have been several hundred burglary attacks on Japanese ATMs during the last five years. Only 188 of 468 attacks (40%) have resulted in losses, however. The most common method of attack has been to use a pry bar to quickly pry open the back (service) door of the machine. The perpetrators of these crimes typically are gone by the time guards or police arrive at the crime scene.

The strategy recommended by the Center for Financial Industry Information Systems in Japan for combatting these crimes includes: 1) strengthening surveillance of ATM sites to allow early detection of intruders 2) strengthening the ATM service room door and enclosure and 3) strengthening the body and door of ATM machines.

Typical of the Japanese burglary attacks on ATMs is the following article from the Asahi Shimbun newspaper of February 15, 1993:

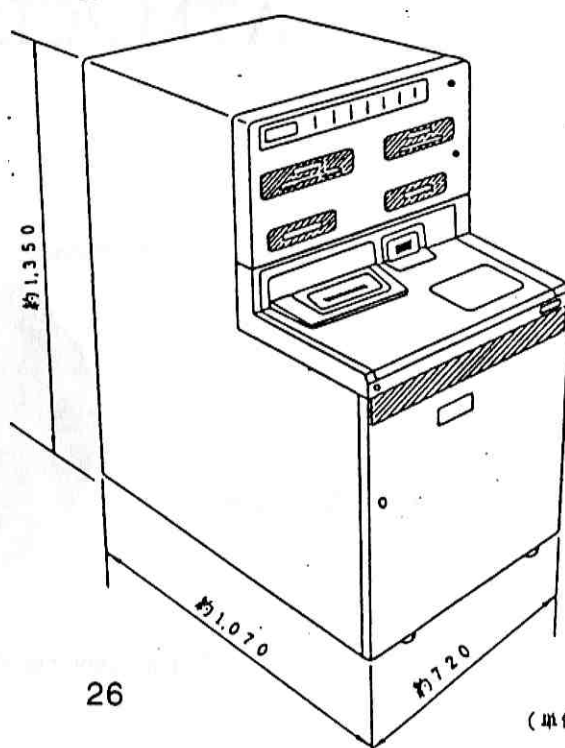
"The ATM attacked was located at a parking lot of a supermarket. The alarm which called police was set off about 2:30 a.m. Both the ATM booth door and the ATM machine back door had been forced open by a tool such as a pry bar. The machine's cash cassette was attempted to be pried open.

Another ATM burglary near this location also was reported on the same day. About 3 a.m. an alarm in an ATM booth in a parking lot was set off. The booth's front door was attempted to be opened by a tool such as a pry bar.

In both cases, no cash was lost. Police believe both incidents were committed by the same perpetrator. Thus far this year, (1993) eight attacks on ATM machines (both attempted and successful) have been reported so far in the Ibaragi Prefecture."

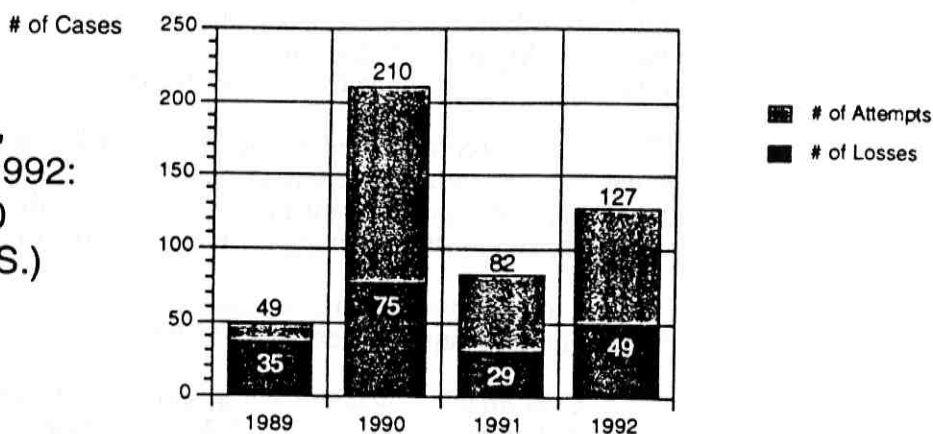
For more details on attacks on Japanese ATM machines, contact the Editor.

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Attacks on ATMs/CDs in Japan

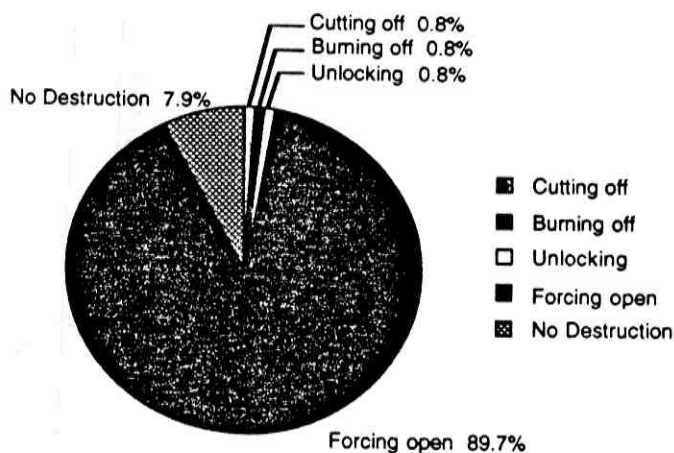
Average loss,
per incident 1992:
¥ 5,300,000
(\$ 41,000 U.S.)



Source: Center for Financial Industry Information Systems, 1993 (Japan).

Methods of Successful Attack on ATMs/CDs in Japan, 1992

127 cases



Source: Center for Financial Industry Information Systems, 1993 (Japan).

ATM CONSUMER SAFETY EDUCATION

The following newspapers and periodical ran articles describing ATM safety tips for customers during the month of January 1994:

Money Magazine [New York, New York] January 1994
[Pasco, Washington] *Tri-City Herald*, January 1
[Grass Valley, California] *Union*, January 1, Susan Lauer, reporter
[Hagerstown, Maryland] *Herald-Mail*, January 2, Franca Lewis, reporter
Wellsville [New York] *Daily Reporter*, January 3, Pat McGee, reporter
[Ellensburg, Washington] *Daily Record*, January 3
[Oakley, Kansas] *Quad County Star*, January 5
Hemet [California] *News*, January 7, Susan Labagnara, reporter, front page story
Jonesboro [Arkansas] *Sun*, January 10
[Jamestown, New York] *Post-Journal*, January 12, Pat McGee, reporter
[Chicago Heights, Illinois] *Star*, January 13, Jackie Holston, reporter
[Torrance, California] *Daily Breeze*, January 15, Chet Currier, reporter
[Novato, California] *Marin Independent Journal*, January 16
Bakersfield Californian, January 16
Natchitoches [Louisiana] *Times*, January 16
Ada [Oklahoma] *Evening News*, Jim Hamby, reporter
Charleston [West Virginia] *Daily Mail*, January 18, Becky Fleming, reporter
[Bethany Beach, Delaware] *Wave*, January 19, Joe Weber, reporter
Los Angeles [California] *Times*, January 20, Chet Currier, reporter
[Topeka, Kansas] *Sunday Capital-Journal*, January 23
[Camden, New Jersey] *Courier-Post*, January 24, Chet Currier, reporter
[Woodbridge, Virginia] *Potomac News*, January 26, Denyse Tannenbaum, reporter
Washington [D. C.] *Informer*, January 27, Eileen Hemphill, reporter
[Clarksville, Tennessee] *Leaf Chronicle*, January 28, Sue Jolley-Carlton
San Antonio [Texas] *Express-News*, January 30, J. Michael Parker, reporter
[Colorado Springs, Colorado] *Gazette Telegraph*, January 30, Jim Flynn, reporter
[Chicago, Illinois] *Daily Southtown*, January 31
Las Vegas [Nevada] *Review-Journal*, January 31, John Edwards, reporter

NEWS OF WEIRD ATM INCIDENTS

- 93) Woodstock '94 Will Feature Rock Music, Food, 2700 Portable Toilets And "A Slew Of ATMs" - In 1969, the "summer of peace and love" was epitomized by the three day rock concert held in a farmer's field in upstate New York called Woodstock. Attendance by 400,000 "flower children" at the original Woodstock far outpassed the organizers' abilities to provide for spectators' needs. Despite constant rain, totally inadequate supplies of food, water and shelter, and a throng that trampled the entrance gates and turned the rock music marathon into a free concert, the occasion became the high point (so to speak) of the counterculture's "peace and love" generation.

This summer promoters are planning Woodstock '94, a 25th anniversary concert hoping to attract graying "flower children." For \$135 per ticket, the event will feature presenters from the original Woodstock concert as well as contemporary rock favorites. In addition, one news release noted, "Organizers of the festivities are operating with '90s - style

efficiency: 2700 portable toilets and a **slew of automated teller machines** have been ordered. The concert will be broadcast on radio and (\$49.95) pay-per-view, and a soundtrack will be available on CD."

Alas, where have all the flowers gone? ([Minneapolis/St. Paul] *Star Tribune*, June 7).

- 94) Gunshot From California Bank Robber Strikes ATM Customer In Buttocks, But Is Stopped By Checkbook And Pocketknife - About 12:10 p.m. on Thursday, January 13, Mr. E.C. Nash was using a Bank of America ATM in Chula Vista, California when a stray bullet fired by fleeing bank robbers penetrated his rear pants pocket and lodged itself in his checkbook after cracking and denting a pocketknife next to it.

"A 35-year-old buck knife saved me," Nash said as he responded to a group of media representatives who quickly surrounded him. When asked if he felt he was lucky, Nash replied "Yeah, I think I'll go buy a lottery ticket."

One witness inside the bank lobby said she was in a teller line in front of the two young male suspects when they tried to cut in front of her and she told them to "get back." After the robbers went to the teller two windows away from her, she heard noises and then saw money on the floor. Another man tried to help them pick it up, but they took off running, the witness recalled. The two suspects ran out stumbling, and the smallest, said to be about 5'2" tall, almost fell. The other suspect was about 5'7". Both suspects looked "real young," another witness said. One suspect pulled out a gun and began firing during the haphazard escape. Nash was struck, a passing car was hit, and another bullet dropped to the ground after hitting a railing.

Near the bank robbery, an off-duty Border Patrol agent saw people changing clothes in a vehicle, followed them and got their license number. Those suspects have not yet been apprehended. ([Chula Vista, California] *Star-News*, January 15, Holly Lobelson, reporter, front page story).



E.C. Nash

- 95) Revolutionary ATM Security System Proposed - The following article from the Madison, Wisconsin *Onion*, "America's Leading News Source", is reprinted here as **Bonus Section A** by permission and speaks entirely for itself!